



# FATALITY



## Red Border Safety Alert Motorcycle Fatality

### Synopsis

While still under investigation, preliminary findings indicate the following: During the mid-morning of 21 June 2015, a 48 year old SSG was riding with a group of fellow riders in the vicinity of Meers, OK. The SSG was in the lead of other riders. When the rest of group crested the hill, they discovered the SSG had wrecked and was laying on the ground. Fellow riders immediately came to his aid, moved him off the road, and called 911. First responders pronounced him deceased at the scene.



This is Fort Sill's second recorded fatality by accident for FY15, but the first by motorcycle accident. During this same period the Army has lost a total of 11 Soldiers to motorcycle accidents accounting for 21% of privately owned vehicle fatalities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, **motorcyclists are about 26 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash.**

### Factors

- Soldier was wearing all required personal protective equipment
- Soldier was an experienced rider who completed required MSF training and was current in his certifications
- Weather conditions: Warm, overcast with no precipitation
- Roads in vicinity of incident are typically narrow, hilly and have sharp curves

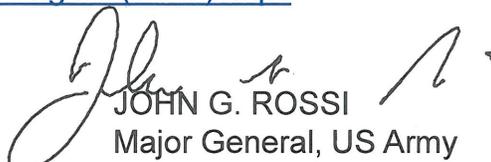
### Recommended Soldier/Leader Actions

- Unit/Organization leadership discuss this incident with all personnel. Disseminate and post on all unit/organization safety boards
- Personnel should ride commensurate with skill level and cognizant of weather and road conditions
- Commanders enforce Fort Sill Motorcycle Program that includes mentorship, training and personal protective equipment requirements

### Additional Information

Fort Sill Motorcycle Safety Program: Fort Sill Circular 385-15-10: [http://sill-www.army.mil/USAG/DHR/publications/CIRCULARS/FS\\_Cir\\_385-15-01.pdf](http://sill-www.army.mil/USAG/DHR/publications/CIRCULARS/FS_Cir_385-15-01.pdf)

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Motorcycle Mentorship: [https://safety.army.mil/OFF-DUTY/PMV-2/MotorcycleMentorshipProgram\(MMP\).aspx](https://safety.army.mil/OFF-DUTY/PMV-2/MotorcycleMentorshipProgram(MMP).aspx)

  
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